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Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 9, 11, 15, and 17 with the following amended claims:

1. (amended) A method of reducing cell proliferation or extracellular matrix production in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a composition comprising a zveg3 antagonist in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable delivery vehicle, in an amount sufficient to reduce cell proliferation or extracellular matrix production, wherein said zveg3 antagonist is an antibody that specifically binds to a dimeric protein having two polypeptide chains, wherein each of said polypeptide chains consists of a sequence of amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

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